



**Legislative Bulletin.....June 21, 2005**

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**Summary of the Bill Under Consideration Today:**

**Total Number of New Government Programs: 0**

**Total Cost of Discretionary Authorizations: \$0**

**Effect on Revenue: 0**

**Total Change in Mandatory Spending: 0**

**Total New State & Local Government Mandates: 0**

**Total New Private Sector Mandates: 0**

**Number of Bills Without Committee Reports:0**

**Number of Reported Bills that Don't Cite Specific Clauses of Constitutional Authority: 0**

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**Order of Business:** The resolution is scheduled for consideration on Tuesday, June 21, under a motion to suspend the rules and pass the bill.

**Summary:** H.Con.Res. 180 resolves that Congress:

- “supports initiatives developed by the Firefighter Life Safety Summit and the mission of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the United States Fire Administration to reduce firefighter fatalities and injuries;
- “encourages implementation of the new ‘Everyone Goes Home’ campaign to make firefighter safety a national priority; and
- “supports the goals of the national ‘stand down’ called by fire organizations beginning on June 21, 2005, and encourages all career, volunteer and combination fire departments across the country to participate in this important and life saving effort.”

**Additional Information:** According to the resolution:

- “for over 350 years our Nation's firefighters have dedicated their lives to ensuring the safety of their fellow citizens and communities;
- “in 1992 Congress created the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation to lead a nationwide effort to remember the Nation's fallen firefighters and assist their survivors through a variety of programs;
- “the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation is dedicated to preventing future firefighter deaths and injuries;
- “the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation convened the first ever Firefighter Life Safety Summit in March 2004 to support the United States Fire Administration's goal of reducing firefighter fatalities by 25 percent within 5 years and 50 percent within 10 years through a commitment of energy and resources; and
- “the International Association of Fire Chiefs, the International Association of Fire Fighters, the National Volunteer Fire Council, and the Congressional Fire Services Institute have partnered with a number of other fire service organizations to call on all fire departments across the Nation to conduct a ‘stand down’ for firefighter safety beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2005, during which fire departments are urged to suspend all nonemergency activity and instead focus entirely on firefighter safety in order to raise the level of awareness toward firefighter safety and call attention to the unacceptable number of line-of-duty deaths and injuries.”

**Committee Action:** H.Con.Res. 180 was introduced on June 16, 2005, and referred to the Committee on Science, which took no official action.

**Cost to Taxpayers:** The resolution authorizes no expenditure.

**Does the Bill Expand the Size and Scope of the Federal Government?:** No.

**Does the Bill Contain Any New State-Government, Local-Government, or Private-Sector Mandates?:** No.

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